

Members Present: William Sprague, Henry Levy, Lou Off, Walter Parker, Mary McCracken, Freda Rutherford, Jimmy Burke, John Wylly, Harvey Farrelle, Berta Adams, Wick Searcy, Greg Stoeffler

Members Absent: Cecil DeLorme, Helen Downing, Harry Spirides, Amy Lanier, Mark Smith

Visitors / Ex-Officios Present: Burt Moore – COE, Dan Parrott – COE, Allan Garret – COE, Sonny Emmert – DNR, Paul Wolff – Council Member, Diane Schleicher – City Manager, Sandy Major, Joe Richardson.

CALL TO ORDER (Agenda Item 1):

Lou Off called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE AND GUESTS (Agenda Item 2):

There is a quorum present. Guests are Sandy Major and Joe Richardson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Agenda Item 3):

Freda Rutherford motioned to approve the November minutes with the change of ‘course’ to Corps” in line 1a. Wick Searcy seconded. All approved.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT (Agenda Item 4):

(COE Actions & Status sheet provided separately)

- 1) FY09 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill:
 - a. Conference Report is scheduled to be voted on before January 20th, 2009 for President to sign. Funds expected to be allocated March 6, 2009.
- 2) Tybee Coastal Zone Management Implementation:
 - a. No change. Next action would be how to implement CZM into the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project.
- 3) Channel Impact Feasibility Study:
 - a. No work going on at this time, Erik Olsen and Chairman will help develop scope.
- 4) Tybee Island Shore Protection: Renourishment Update:
 - a. Project completed ahead of schedule and under budget.
 - b. Figures on where and how much sand was lost have been requested.
- 5) Jasper County Terminal Development:
 - a. Joint Project Office has hired Moffatt and Nichol to oversee development and they should be under contract by Jan. 2009.
- 6) Brunswick Harbor Deepening:
 - a. Bid protest is going through reviews to allow the Andrews Island Dike Raising to begin.
- 7) Jekyll Island Section 111 Project:
 - a. Requested and received funds to look at impact from Brunswick Harbor.
- 8) Savannah Channel Maintenance:
 - a. Marinex Corp is scheduled to start the first week in January.
 - b. Entrance Channel contract has been awarded and scheduled to start min January.
- 9) Savannah Harbor Expansion:
 - a. Alternatives Formulation Briefing was held in late August. August 2009 the entire report will be ready for public review.
 - b. Project total cost is up to \$750,000,000.

TYBEE RE-NOURISHMENT PROJECT: Tilling, Operations, Final Cost (Agenda Item 5):
Covered under the Corps Actions and Status Report

FUNDS LEFT OVER FROM 2008 NOURISHMENT PROJECT: (Agenda Item 6):
No new information until feedback is obtained about the cost.

OLD BUSINESS: Sea Wall Survey (Agenda Item 7):

1) Sea Wall:

- a. Three bids from RFP on the removal of the sea wall and groins, the least of the three was \$780,000.
- b. Erik Olsen made four recommendations: abandon the effort due to lack of funding and revisit in the future; seek addition funding to initiate the removal program under the current condition; reinstate efforts for the federal government to remove the structures; implement a phased removal program as the beach changes.
- c. Lou made suggestion of doing a test with a contractor working for an eight (8) hour period with adequate equipment for \$2,500.
- d. Henry Levy made a motion to not disregard the fact that errors were made. Freda seconded. Four approved, nine did not approve. Motion defeated.
- e. It is the will of the Beach Task Force to do a test with a contractor, move forward working on stimulus package and continue with research on why previous removal was stopped.
- f. Discussion on signs being a safety hazard and diminishing properties values led to Walter Parker making a motion to recommend their removal. Freda seconded. Ten approved, three did not approve. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Beach Monitoring Contract Specifications, BTF News Article, Shore Protection Line; Berta (Agenda Item 8):

- 1) Beach Monitoring Contract Specifications: Erik working with the city.
- 2) BTF News Article: Dan Parrott may do this, no editor for paper as of now.
- 3) Shore Protection Line: Tabled as councilman Crone was not at meeting.

OTHER – New Business;

Lou put together and handed out a list of suggested Beach Task Force projects for 2009. Recommendations were requested

Lou stated that Erik Olsen suggested that the City write a letter of commendation for Mark Padgett COE.

Lou put together a letter to City Council asking that Berta Adams, Henry Levy, Lou Off, and Wick Searcy be reappointed to the Beach Task Force.

Walter Parker submitted a letter of resignation from the Beach Task Force.

Joe Richardson explained that his organization Surf Rider was looking for volunteer projects to get involved in and help out with beach and shore projects.

MEETING ADJOURNED (Agenda Item 9):

1:08 p.m.